

to show these children, and all LGBTQI+ people that they are not alone.

And so I would like to thank the LGBTQI+ activists across the world.

Their work is so important. We know how difficult it can be to fight for LGBTQI+ equality, especially in countries where it is a crime to simply be yourself. The work that they are doing will have a positive impact for generations. They are on the right side of history, and we will use every lever of the federal government to support them and the fight for global equality.

#### COMMEMORATING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as a member of the Law Enforcement Caucus and the Chairwoman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, I rise to commemorate Police Week, which runs from May 16 through May 22.

It is essential that we honor our fallen heroes each year who gave their lives in service to their communities.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is the nation's monument to law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.

Dedicated on October 15, 1991, the Memorial honors federal, state, and local law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and protection of our nation and its people.

Nearly 23,000 officers have been killed in the line of duty throughout U.S. history, dating back to the first known death in 1791.

According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, 458 federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement officers died in the line-of-duty in 2021.

In 2021, Texas experienced the largest number of law enforcement officer fatalities of all U.S. states with 84 line-of-duty deaths.

Today there are more than 900,000 law enforcement personnel serving the people of our country, the highest amount ever.

About 12 percent of them are female.

These brave men and women risk their lives to keep the peace and keep us safe but they are too often taken by the violence they are working to prevent.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent the people of the 18th Congressional District of Texas in paying tribute to the 220 fallen heroes who will join the gallant men and women who previously gave the last full measure of devotion to the communities they took an oath to protect and serve.

Among the fallen Texan law enforcement officers are those who served the people of Houston and Harris County, including:

Richard Anthony Sepolio Sr., Harris County, Texas, District Attorney's Office, End of Watch: 1/13/2021.

Kareem Anthony Atkins, Harris County, Texas, Constable's Office, Precinct 4, End of Watch: 10/16/2021.

Tomas Infante Sr., Harris County, Texas, Constable's Office, Precinct 6, End of Watch: 8/22/2021.

Joshua James Sieman, Harris County, Texas, Sheriff's Office, End of Watch: 10/21/2021.

Shaun Christopher Waters, Harris County, Texas, Sheriff's Office, End of Watch: 8/1/2021.

Alexander David Gwosdz, Harris County, Texas, Sheriff's Office, End of Watch: 4/22/2021.

Robert Perez, Harris County, Texas, Sheriff's Office, End of Watch: 2/2/2021.

William John Jeffrey, Houston, Texas, Police Department, End of Watch: 9/20/2021.

John David Wilbanks, Houston, Texas, Police Department, End of Watch: 10/13/2021.

Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of the 220 officers whose names will be added to the National Peace Officers Memorial Wall of Honor.

#### TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA PERÉZ— 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Patricia Pérez of Elysian Valley, a unique neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, with longtime family roots in the city, Patricia Pérez's passion and life has been about art. In her youth, she learned about pottery on the Laguna Pueblo reservation in New Mexico, and while in high school, she had the opportunity to participate in art classes at a renowned Frank Lloyd Wright home in Los Angeles.

In the early 1970's, Patricia taught children at Self Help Graphics & Art, an art studio at the intersection of arts practice and social justice dedicated to fostering the creation and advancement of art works by Chicana/o and Latinx artists, and a catalyst for cultural traditions, preservation, and restoration through the arts. Ms. Pérez attended Los Angeles City College, the Pacific Institute of Commercial Art, and the Otis Art Institute of Los Angeles County, now known as the Otis College of Art and Design, from which she graduated in 1976 with a Bachelor of Arts in Painting and a minor in sculpture, Patricia's art training also included studying art history abroad in France and Spain. In addition to creating her own art, she also worked with Milton Williams Catering and high-end interior designers.

Patricia is a multi-medium artist, working in acrylics, ink washes, pencils, crayons, fabrics, recycled materials, and earth. She has been a long-time volunteer judge for the 28th Congressional District Art Competition and is an active contributor in her distinctive Los Angeles community known as Elysian Valley or "Frogtown." Ms. Pérez is Vice President of the Elysian Valley Arts Collective and opens up her home as a gallery during the annual Frogtown Artwalk. Teaching art classes in her community brings her great joy, as, in her

words, she has lived her life through the arts and enjoys sharing it with others.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Patricia Pérez.

#### HONORING MONTGOMERY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL'S MOCK TRIAL TEAM

### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the members and coaches of the Montgomery County High School Mock Trial Team, winners of the National High School Mock Trial Championship.

The students defeated over 40 state champion high school debate teams to capture the title on May 7, 2022 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. These students worked for months in preparation for this challenging competition. Mock Trial provides students with the opportunity to improve critical thinking and public speaking skills, to gain exposure to the legal system, and to compete at the highest level. Over the years, Montgomery County High School has won 14 state titles.

Special congratulations are in order for Bryce Charles, who was named a National Top-10 Witness, and Ollie Fegenbush, a National Top 10 Attorney.

Thank you to coaches Ryan Allison, Jamie Allison, and Elizabeth Davis for their leadership and for the opportunity they provide for the students. Thank you also to the parents and the entire Montgomery County community for their support and encouragement. Winning against much larger schools from across this Nation brings a great deal of pride and hope to all in the community.

As a former debate team member myself, I appreciate the dedication and hard work of these students. They have learned skills that will serve them well as adults and have made memories that will last a lifetime. I commend them for their wonderful accomplishment as National Champions.

#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT TED DARNALL

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Ted Darnall of the Dearborn Fire Department on the occasion of his retirement. His honorable twenty-five years of service to our community is worthy of commendation.

Lieutenant Darnall began his career at the Dearborn Fire Department in 1997, beginning as a Firefighter 1. In 2003, he was promoted to Firefighter 2 and then to the role of Fire Engineer in 2006. Due to his excellence in service, he was named Lieutenant in 2012. Always looking to grow professionally, in 2016, he earned three Professional Certification Awards from the Michigan Urban Search and Rescue

Training Foundation in the areas of Rope Rescue Operations, Confined Space Task Force, and Collapse Technician. He is also the recipient of numerous awards, including the Fire Chief Life Saving Award, the Fire Chief Company Citation, and numerous Fire Chief Unit Commendations and Meritorious Company Commendations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lieutenant Ted Darnall for a career of exemplary service to the Dearborn Fire Department. I join with Lieutenant Darnall's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my gratitude to him for his honorable service in protecting our community and thank him for his role in serving the people of the City of Dearborn for the past twenty-five years. We wish him the best in retirement.

#### HONORING BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the beginning of Building Safety Month and to recognize the more than 64,000 members of the International Code Council (ICC) who have dedicated their livelihoods to ensuring public safety throughout the built environment—whether our homes, offices, schools, houses of worship, et cetera.

Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council and its partners to remind the public about the professionals who ensure buildings are safe, resilient, efficient, and livable. The Code Council brings together local, state, and federal as well as stakeholders from the private sector to develop model codes and standards that protect the occupants of the buildings in which we live, work, and play. Those standards are then implemented year-round by building safety officials, the fire service, architects, engineers, plumbers, and laborers to ensure the safe construction and maintenance of buildings.

This year's Building Safety Month theme is "Building Codes in Action" which encourages all of us to raise awareness of the importance of safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, sanitation, disaster mitigation, and innovative technologies in the construction industry.

Last month, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released its Building Codes Strategy, which exemplifies this year's theme by recognizing that community adoption and enforcement of hazard-resistant building codes and standards "lays the foundation for increased resilience" and creates a "culture of preparedness by making mitigation a standard practice."

In late 2020 FEMA released a study, titled "Building Codes Saves", which found that implementing modern building codes could save \$600 billion in disaster spending by 2060. FEMA further confirmed a prior report by the National Institute of Building Sciences that found that adopting modern codes provides \$11 in mitigation savings for every \$1 invested.

With natural disasters increasing in frequency and severity, building codes and standards include important safeguards to pro-

tect the public from snow and ice storms, hurricanes, and earthquakes. We thank those who implement and enforce building codes for protecting lives, property, businesses, and communities.

Development, adoption, and implementation of up-to-date codes and standards has enabled Virginia through its 2018 Uniform State-wide Building Code to ensure its codes assure building safety and waste the least energy in the Southeastern United States.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking International Code Council Board President Cindy Davis—a constituent I represent, as well as ICC's Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, the International Code Council leadership, and ICC's Members and staff as they recognize Building Safety Month.

#### HONORING THANG DO

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere condolences to the family of Thang Do, who passed away on May 8, 2022. He has been an important part of our community and will be greatly missed.

Thang Do fled Vietnam in 1975, as a refugee, and supported himself through college, where he earned his degree in architecture from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Recruited after graduation by Aedis Architects, a San Jose-based architectural firm, Thang Do quickly advanced within the company and has led it for the past 30 years. His advocacy for sustainable design practices and focus on urban design issues, led him to be designated an American Institute of Architects Fellow, an honor held by less than four percent of their members. As lead architect of the recently-completed Vietnamese American Service Center in San Jose, he received the Community Impact Award from the Silicon Valley Business Journal.

A notable steward of revitalizing downtown San Jose and the SoFa district, Thang Do dedicated his time as a Chair of the San Jose Planning Commission, a member of the San Jose Architectural Review Committee, and a board member of the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association. He also volunteered as a board member to the San Jose Museum of Art and the Housing Trust of Silicon Valley.

Thang Do was heavily involved as a community activist who helped uplift the Vietnamese community and culture. With his advocacy work and bilingual skills, he supported nationwide policy education by helping found the Progressive Vietnamese American Organization (PIVOT). The organization has been recognized nationally for helping increase civic engagement and fighting misinformation to Vietnamese residents.

I have been honored to see his architectural work firsthand throughout San Jose and am thankful for his commitment and service to the community. Thang Do will be greatly missed. Please join me in honoring him and sharing my deep condolences with his family and our community that mourns his loss.

TRIBUTE TO MARIAM BARNES—  
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Mariam Barnes of La Crescenta, California.

Born and raised in La Crescenta as a first-generation Californian in her Egyptian family, Mariam credits her top-notch education in the Glendale Unified School District for setting the base for her current career success and has devoted her spare time to giving back to the La Crescenta community.

Mariam served on the Crescenta Valley Town Council for two terms, where she was primarily focused on the youth in the community and worked to create opportunities for them to explore entrepreneurship. She helped launch the Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow (EOT) program which gives students as young as 7th grade a booth to sell their products at the Montrose Harvest Market. EOT went from being an annual event to a quarterly event to encourage students to think about their career goals and polish their entrepreneurial skills.

Ms. Barnes has also participated in drug awareness efforts in the local community to bring solutions to individuals who struggle with addiction or have a family member who struggles with addiction.

As a manager for a global recruiting team in the video game industry, Ms. Barnes understands the skills necessary to achieve success, and is deeply aware of the importance of self-confidence and the role it plays in shaping peoples' lives and careers. She has volunteered as a mentor to many young women who struggle to find their confidence and helps them bridge the gap between ability and confidence. Ms. Barnes has also supported youth by planning workshops that focus on building self-esteem, providing information on vocational schools, coaching them on their interview skills, and helping students with their college applications.

In addition to her volunteer efforts and career, Mariam is a wife and mother of twin girls.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Mariam Barnes.

#### RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF MS. LISHA H. ADAMS

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Ms. Lisha H. Adams, Executive Deputy to the Commanding General of Army Materiel Command.

Ms. Adams has 39 years of government service experience supporting Army and Joint